

RTCA Special Committee 186, Working Group 3

ADS-B 1090 MOPS, Revision A

Meeting #3

TCAS RA and Proposed Changes to Section 3

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SUMMARY
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2.2.3.2.7.3.3.1 "CC_4" Subfield in Aircraft Operational Status Message

The "CC_4" subfield is a 4-bit ("ME" bits 9 through 12, Message bits 41 through 44) field used to indicate En Route Operational Capabilities of the ADS-B transmitting system to other aircraft as defined by the following encoding shown in Table 2-54.

Table 2-54: "CC_4" Encoding (En Route Operational Capabilities)

CC_4 CODING		MEANING
Bit 9,10	Bit 11,12	
0 0	0 0	<i>Reserved</i>
	0 1	<i>Reserved</i>
	1 0	<i>Reserved</i>
	1 1	<i>Reserved</i>
0 1	0 0	<i>TCAS Not Operational; CDTI Not Operational or Unknown</i>
	0 1	<i>TCAS Not Operational; CDTI Operational</i>
	1 0	<i>TCAS Operational; CDTI Not Operational or Unknown</i>
	1 1	<i>TCAS Operational; CDTI Operational</i>
1 0	0 0	<i>TBD</i>
	0 1	<i>TBD</i>
	1 0	<i>TBD</i>
	1 1	<i>TBD</i>
1 1	0 0	<i>TBD</i>
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	1 1	<i>TBD</i>

Note: In Table 2-54 "TCAS Operational" is meant to represent TCAS II (ACAS) operating in TA/RA mode.

Draft revision to section 3.5.2 Variable Data, to accommodate on-condition message data

3.5.2 Variable Data

Controls used by the pilot/crew for data entry (e.g. flight number, call sign, emergency status) shall correctly perform their intended functions.

Note: Where regulations permit variation of the 24 bit Mode-S and/or ADS-B address, ADS-B and a Mode-S transponder shall use the same ICAO address (whenever both are operating).

3.5.2.1 System Monitors

If the on-board ADS-B function receives data from other on-board systems, that interface shall include validity indications for the system(s) or the individual data elements. (e.g. valid discrete, sign/status matrix) During the time that a failure or invalid state is indicated, the ADS-B system shall remove the associated data from messages or displays, and/or indicate to the crew and/or receiving systems that the associated ADS-B data is invalid or the associated application(s) or function(s) is unavailable.

Note: Where the on-board source system provides a failure indication to the crew, a redundant ADS-B indication of the system failure is not required.

3.5.3 Event Driven Data

ADS-B is required to send specific messages indicating that an “event” has occurred or is occurring (e.g. Low Fuel, Engine Out). An “event” is defined by a set of conditions under which the message is to be sent. The ADS-B function must be provided with adequate information or triggers to recognize that the aircraft has met the conditions for a specific event message. Conditions might require the presence of some conditions and require the absence of others. It is the responsibility of the installer to insure that systems or sensors used to trigger event driven messages, are chosen to provide reliable indications of the condition(s) to be monitored in determining the occurrence of an “event”.

3.5.3.1 General

If the ADS-B applications include event driven messages, appropriate interface connections shall be provided to reliably indicate the conditions comprising the “event” and trigger each supported message.

3.5.3.2 ACAS Interface

If a TCAS/ACAS system is installed on the airplane, appropriate connection shall be made to the ADS-B system to support transmission of “event driven” messages (ref. 2.2.3.2.7: Event Driven Message Type Code **TBD**) as follows:

- a. ACAS Resolution Advisory (R/A) event message should be sent as soon as practical after the R/A is issued by the ACAS system. The R/A condition message should be repeated at the specified interval until the ACAS system removes the R/A.

- b. If the ACAS R/A is accompanied by a cross-link coordination, the ADS-B ACAS R/A message shall include the “sense” (i.e. “don’t climb/don’t descend”) of the R/A maneuver.

3.5.4 Class Code (basic)

[no change]

3.5.5 Capability Class Data

Capability class data include en route, terminal area, approach and landing, surface operations capability information supplied by installed applications. Capability class data must respond to changes in the availability of operational mode data (ref. 2.2.5.1.35 – 2.2.5.1.42).

3.5.5.1 ACAS/TCAS Operational Status

If ACAS/TCAS is installed, a valid discrete, or other appropriate data, shall be supplied to the ADS-B system such that the “Class Capability (CC)_4” subfield, bit 11 in the Aircraft Operations Status message, accurately indicates the operational status of the on-board ACAS/TCAS system. (Ref. Table 2-54)

3.5.5.2 CDTI Operational Status

If a Cockpit Display of Traffic Information (CDTI) is installed, a valid discrete, or other appropriate data, shall be supplied to the ADS-B system such that the “Class Capability (CC)_4” subfield, bit 12 in the Aircraft Operations Status message, accurately indicates the operational status of the on-board CDTI. (Ref. Table 2-54)